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Farmers market in New Buffalo thriving under new manager

BY STAN MADDUX

The revitalized farmers market in New Buffalo this year is experiencing a very noticeable increase in shoppers and vendors.

The market called "Farmed and Forged" is open every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Whittaker and Merchant streets until Sept. 5.

Market Manager Mandy Krickhahn said she was hired by the New Buffalo Business Association, which was impressed by her work in revitalizing the farmers market in La Porte last year.

Krickhahn said the number of vendors for each market this year in New Buffalo has averaged 24 or at least twice as many as 2023 since the near lakefront market set up for the first time on May 30.

The number of shoppers at each market has also substantially increased, ranging from 650 to 1,400.

"The traffic has been wonderful," she said.

In comparison, the highest attendance for the market in downtown La Porte this year has also been about 1,400, while the number of vendors is often near 40.

The market in La Porte at Lincolnway and Monroe Street is open every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Sept. 30.

She credits new market attractions, like artists demonstrating their talents with a paint brush in New Buffalo and chefs performing cooking demonstrations and offering free samples for customers to taste in La Porte, for the upswing.

She said the produce offered by vendors is grown within a 100-mile radius of both communities.

The produce varies depending on what's in season.

Currently, Krickhahn said there's plenty of sweet corn, blueberries and other in season produce available while cherries, which are ready to pick starting in May, have begun showing up in fewer numbers.

Other products available from vendors at the market include meat and homemade baked goods like bread.

There are now plans to open a Farmed and Forged market next year in Michigan City, where a comeback is also sought for market struggling there in recent years.

The location of the market in Michigan City and other details have not yet been decided.

Krickhahn is also the founder of The Collective, a group that has worked with independently owned small businesses throughout northwest Indiana since 2019 on things like networking and marketing so they become more successful.

Her members at The Collective include Burn 'Em Brewing, which expanded into a larger facility several months ago on U.S. 12 east of Michigan City's Uptown Arts District.

"The first year I think we had about 12 members. Now, we have around 100 and I love that our members are from all different industries. It's been really cool to see how it's progressed, she said.

THE REGION OF THREE OAKS MUSEUM HOSTING 'US-12 MEGA-SALE'

Bargain-hunters and yard-sale browsers will be out in force for Michigan's Longest Garage Sale, and The Region of Three Oaks Museum will offer them a tree-shaded, picturesque spot with lots of merchandise.

The museum's annual Mega-Sale will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Three Oaks' Carver Park during the three days of the US-12 Garage Sale, Aug. 9-11.

Along with hosting dozens of vendors, the museum will also offer antiques, collectibles and flea-market finds for sale, including some items from its own collection. In addition, TROTOM will be selling food, grilled items, Sloppy Joes, mini-muffins and cookies, and cold drinks from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Proceeds from the Mega-Sale will support the museum, a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization, in its efforts to preserve and present local history.

Anyone interested in donating items for the museum to sell should contact Julie at trotommuseum@gmail.com or call 269-470-6305. — STAFF REPORTS

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— Dino N. Fatouros

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Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

Village council updated on pumphouse intake line repairs, golf course

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The weather has been working in favor of the Grand Beach Golf Course, Blake O'Halloran, pro shop and golf commissioner, said at the Grand Beach Village Council's Wednesday, July 17, meeting.

At last month's meeting, council members approved paying Donkersloot and Sons to repair the pumphouse intake line due for a cost not to exceed $100,000.

Per the temporary watering system that's been set up, the course isn't getting watered on days where rain is being forecasted due to the village having to pay for the water. Clay Putnam from Serviscape said that the village has a single-road irrigation system that runs right down the center of the fairways. Since the sprinklers just reach to the edge of the fairways, the rough's "not going to receive any water from the irrigation," he said and certain locations in the fairways on the edges aren't going to receive it as well.

At the July 17 meeting, O'Halloran said the greens are looking "great," as there's been a lot of rain at night.

"Even though we had a problem with the intake line from the pump house, we've had a lot of help from Mother Nature and the golf course is in really nice shape," he said.

Regarding the temporary system for the village paying for watering the course, year-to-date, superintendent Bob Dabbs said that the cost has been just over $7,000.

O'Halloran said he thought the cost would be "a lot more than that."

"If we can get through this thing at minimal cost and put more of the money into the repair instead of into water that would be great - so thanks for everybody's help on that," he said.

Dabbs said that Arnie from Donkersloot and Sons was scheduled to do repair work on the intake pipe, which is currently broken out in Lake Michigan, earlier this week.

Donkerlsoot will be doing the repair work by barge, as Dabbs said that performing the work by land would require closing the beach.

The replacement pump has been installed at the pumphouse by Peerless; however, they will need to return to have it wired up due to the remaining issues at the pumphouse.

Councilmembers approved the purchase of one gas powered cart and two lithium battery powered golf carts from EZ-GO Cart for the course at a cost not to exceed $14,347.01.

In anticipation of the intake line, they recently cashed in an $80,000 CD and some of the money will be used to pay the carts. Money can also be pulled from golf cart revenues, O'Halloran said.

Parks and Beaches Commissioner Peter Doerr said that the Ely beach access is now open with plenty of parking, which should help alleviate some of the congestion at Whitewood.

He said that Gary Kagen is heading up a task force, with the first meeting scheduled for Aug. 8, on the Grand Beach Nature Preserve. Kagen and Doerr also met with Ryan Postema, executive director of Chikaming Open Lands, and Dan Engel, COL stewardship manager, to come up with a long-term plan for the preserve.

O'Halloran, who's president pro tem and was filling in for president Harry Walder, said that reports from the several committees that have been formed in the village will be given beginning next month, whether in person or via report.

Security cameras are being recommended by the Village Hall Committee and will be discussed at the next meeting. Council members will also view a draft drawing for the downstairs meeting room reconfiguration as well as samples of the signage for the village hall offices.

UNDERWATER EXPLORER TO TELL STORY OF DISCOVERY OF 1886 SHIPWRECK

Shipwreck explorer, author and museum designer Valerie van Heest will give a presentation on the discovery of the shipwrecked SS Milwaukee in a program at the New Buffalo Township Library at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6.

The Milwaukee sank in mid-Lake Michigan 138 years ago in 1886, and was finally found in 2023. The discovery was announced last March, and newspapers around the region carried the story.

Van Heest's organization, the Michigan Shipwreck Association, discovered the Milwaukee, well-preserved in deep water. Her research uncovered previously unknown facts about the Great Lakes steamer and its fate.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the New Buffalo Library. Admission is free and all are welcome. The New Buffalo Township Library is at 33 N. Thompson Street in downtown New Buffalo.

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As a matter of self-preservation, a man needs good friends or ardent enemies, for the former instruct him the latter take him to task.
— Diogenes the Dog

‘Girls of Summer’ benefit coming to The Acorn next month

The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts and Harbor Arts are proud to present “The Girls of Summer: A Benefit for Harbor Arts” at 7 p.m. Friday, August 2, at The Acorn.

A 2020 film by director John Hancock, “The Girls of Summer” explores a young drummer, seemingly stuck taking care of her father and the family sod farm, who is convinced her dreams of becoming a professional musician are unrealistic until her father convinces her she needs to go on the road and chase her dreams.

The program will feature a reception, with a cocktail hour with hors d’oeuvres by Classic Catering, at 7 p.m., a film screening at 8 p.m. and a Q&A after the film with the creators and actors for a discussion of the film.

Harbor Arts exists as a non-profit organization committed to organizing and disseminating information on social, cultural and political issues of interest to the community. The organization works, in conjunction with performers, artists, writers and musicians, sharing a vision of enriching lives through various media and expression.

General admission tickets are $20 and reserved seating is available for $45. Tickets are available at www.acornlive.org.

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Record year possible in Michigan for winter wheat yields

BY STAN MADDUX

Some winter wheat growers in Michigan are looking for more storage because of what could be record yields per bushel this year.

USDA is forecasting 89 bushels of winter wheat per acre in the state based on conditions as of July 1.

That would tie the state record set in 2016 for the amount of winter wheat harvested per acre, said Dennis Pennington, a Michigan State University wheat systems specialist at the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center.

Pennington said the USDA prediction seems right on the money based on his talks with people at elevators and producers.

"Even growers that normally store in their own bins, they got their bins full and, now, they're looking for storage," he said.

According to USDA, the amount of winter wheat forecast per bushel in Michigan is six percent higher than per acre yields in 2023.

This year's crop is also in much better condition with 75 percent of the crop as of June 30 rated as good to excellent compared to 25 percent this time last year.

Pennington estimated about 90 percent of this year's winter wheat in Michigan was harvested by July 22, a rate 10 days sooner than 2023.

Winter wheat yields and quality last year were hurt by a significant dry spell in June, he said.

In comparison, Pennington said the amount of rainfall this year has been adequate and consistent throughout much of the growing season.

"We've had a good distribution of rainfall by month through the spring and throughout the grain fill period over the early summer which has been ideal for winter wheat," he said.

He also believes yields were helped by fewer days of 90 degree temperatures from late May to early July and more farmers nowadays keeping a closer eye on their fields for a quicker response to potential signs of trouble.

"We had some disease pressure at times but, for the most part, growers were able to manage those," he said.

Pennington said he feels another factor in this year's higher yields and healthier crop was the unusually mild winter keeping damage to winter wheat from melting snow freezing over and drowning the crop to a minimum.

"We had virtually no winter kill," he said.

Ironically, winter wheat production in Michigan is expected to noticeably decline from last year because the 420,000 acres planted is about 22 percent less than the 10 year average.

Pennington said some farmers in many parts of the state were not able get their winter wheat planted or complete the planting before a period of heavy precipitation in the fall made the soil too wet for placing seed into the ground.

"If you didn't get ahead of the rain in the fall it got late," he said.

Pennington said the increase in the harvested amount per acre, though, could actually be enough to limit the state's loss in winter wheat production to just five percent.

The loss could be even less if yields per acre come in higher than predicted.

"Our total production will be down even though our production per acre is looking to be pretty good," he said.

Michigan ranked 13th in winter wheat production with more than 46 million bushels harvested, according to USDA.

Pennington said much of the winter wheat comes from the area of the state shaped like a thumb while substantially less comes from Berrien County and other parts of southwest Michigan.

The biggest winter wheat producing state is North Dakota, which harvested close to 308 million bushels last year followed by Kansas at more than 200 million bushes, according to USDA.

Pennington said Michigan is usually in the top five states for bushels of winter wheat harvested per acre.

He said the top producing states plant a lot more winter wheat but their yields per acre are not as great.

"They have a lot less rainfall so they're not able to get the kind of yields we get," he said.

According to USDA, Indiana was 19th last year in winter wheat production with just over 30 million bushels harvested.

Berrien County Youth Fair announces approaching still exhibits registration deadline

The deadline for still exhibits to be registered for the 2024 Berrien County Youth Fair is Friday, Aug. 1

Entry forms are available at the Fair Office, Berrien County public libraries, Baroda City Mills in Baroda, Country Heritage Credit Union in Buchanan, Family Farm and Home in Benton Harbor, Tractor Supply Company and Rural King in Niles, Seifert's Farm Supply in Three Oaks and Tractor Supply Company in Stevensville.

The Exhibitor Handbook is available online at www.bcyf.org. Registration is open to any Berrien County resident, ages 5 to 20 years of age. The exhibitor age is as of Jan. 1, 2024. Online registration is free for all departments. Once registered (each year you will create a username and password – it can be the same as last year's), exhibitors can return to the program and add more entries up until the deadline. Families can register under one email and password. The exhibitor's printed email confirmation will serve as the traditional yellow copy of the entry form and is required on entry day, just as the yellow copy of the traditional entry form is.

The link for online entries can be found at www.bcyf.org. Entry forms may be brought to the Fair Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday on or before Aug. 1,postmarked on or before Aug. 1 or placed in the drop box outside the fair office until midnight Aug. 1. The Fair Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 1 to accept entries; however, exhibitors are encouraged to get their registrations in early.

Other upcoming deadlines include the Berrien County Youth Fair Baked Fruit Pie Contest, which is open to adults and youth (see specific rules in exhibitor handbook for each class' age requirements) and the Still Exhibit Auction registration, which is open to current year BCYF exhibitors (see exhibitor handbook for details). The registration deadline for both the contest and the still exhibit auction is Aug. 1 . No late registrations will be accepted.

Questions can be addressed by contacting the Fair Office at 269-473-4251. Berrien County Youth Fair dates are Aug. 12-17, with the theme "Explore Planet Fair."

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'ART ON THE PRAIRIE' TO BENEFIT CHIKAMING OPEN LANDS

Enjoy a fun and relaxed evening with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and raffle and good company in a beautiful rural setting during Chikaming Open Lands' annual benefit, "Art On the Prairie," from 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

This year's event will be held at Janis Kanter and Tom McCormick's stunning property in Sawyer. The setting features an impressive collection of sculptures dotted throughout a prairie landscape in full bloom. Proceeds will benefit Chikaming Open Lands.

For more information, please contact Jen Thompson at (269) 405-1006 or jthompson@chikamingopenlands.org.

General tickets are $150 each. Land protector tickets are $250 each. Land Protector ticket buyers will receive special recognition on signage at the event.

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New Buffalo school board approves merging girls soccer with River Valley next spring

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

On recommendation of New Buffalo Area Schools Superintendent Adam Bowen and the Cooperative Program Oversight Committee (CPOC), members of the New Buffalo Area Schools Board of Education approved the high school girls soccer merge with River Valley for the spring 2025 season at their Monday, July 22, meeting.

The merger is ahead of the Order of Merging for all high school sports, which calls for girls soccer to merge with River Valley for the 2026-2027 season.

Looking at numbers for next school year, Bowen said that the numbers aren't there with regards to girls soccer, as a lot of players have graduated and other student athletes are doing other sports.

He said the "whole goal" of the merger is "to continue to offer opportunities to students."

"If we don't do this at this point in time, that wouldn't be an option," he said.

Bowen said it's hoped there will be enough numbers to field a team between the two schools. Last year, New Buffalo had 14 on the team, six of whom have graduated. One had moved away and there were no eighth grade girls on the middle school soccer team.

Matt Johnson, athletic director, said that, even if they got five or six more students, that would leave them with 11 or 12 players.

Since soccer is a contact sport, having the "bare minimum" of players may not not be enough when taking into account players who may get injured as the season goes on, Johnson said. "Fourteen's low but it's doable - we're hoping to be able to recruit a couple girls from the hallways of New Buffalo and get some girls from River Valley that want to jump in," he added.

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Combining sports earlier might be warranted if it looks as though more players are needed, Johnson said.

Per a recommendation from Bowen and the CPOC Committee, board members approved the coaches wage schedule.

Board members approved the three year-contract, with an annual review for pay scale and performance, for Bowen, per the board's July 8 evaluation.

The 2024-2025 daycare and athletic handbooks were approved.

Board members approved Christina Schultz as elementary teacher, pending background approval. Bowen said that Schultz has taught multiple grades throughout her career, with third grade being the one she's taught the most, and that she was recently teaching at Notre Dame Elementary School.

Board members heard about a potential drone club.

David Kelly, curriculum coordinator, said that the club would begin at the school level, with students moving into the club afterwards.

He said that he's looking at the unmanned aircraft system (UAS).

Students in seventh grade would begin with coding in the smartlab this fall, with the intention of offering that every first trimester. Starting in fall of 2025, students would progress to the Autonomous Drone Level 1a, which would be an afterschool club. Moving into 2026, students could move onto Autonomous Drone Level 1b, which would involve advanced maneuvers. Drone racing would begin in 2027, with two levels of racing: one for experience with the drone racers and the second one involving competition.

In eighth and ninth grade, students would be at club Level 1a; ninth and 10th grade, they'd be at Level 1b and 11th grade, Level 3. With the last level, seniors could obtain a pilot's license, FAA 107, which would qualify young adults to move into the qualified level to fly their own drones that one might see at public venues.

The class would be taught by Chris Beushausen. There'd be no credits for the course or club.

Board president Lisa Werner said that she'd like more details ironed out with regards to the actual cost, as well as other details.

Board members recognized business manager Pano Arvanitis for the five-year renewal of his Business Office Manager certification with MSBO (Michigan School Business Officials) by completing 90 hours of professional development.

The operations department was also recognized for completing the Basic and Advanced levels for CMI (Cleaning Management Institute) for a total of 25 hours each employee. Training was done on Customer Service, Chemistry of Cleaning, Above Floor Surfaces, Carpeted areas, and Restrooms. Employees are Krindy Kissman, Chuck Lonske, Karen Lord, Miguel Lozano, Shannon Shawver, Traci Spencer, Becci Umphrey and Courtney Wysocki.

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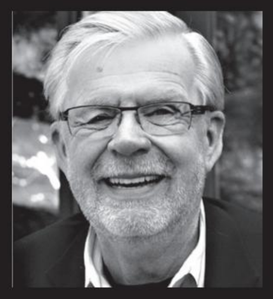
COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO



Some things I think I know. Some I'm sure I don't know. The other 98% are things I never knew and/or things I thought I knew but time, new information, or something else has changed my mind.

When I first saw Mark Gastineau do his infamous sack dance in 1983, I hated it. The NFL declared it unsportsmanlike taunting and I hoped that was the end of it.

Of course I couldn't have been more incorrect.

I still love football even though after each play a bunch of players are flexing, dancing, or celebrating in some way. I subscribe to the saying, "act like you've been there before" but that seems to be the feeling of about one percent of the fans.

Thankfully, I finally got used to the shenanigans and I'm no longer bothered by them. Football seems to be getting more popular by the day, so obviously, the vast majority of people enjoy everything about the sport.

Living in Chicago and being a Bears fan, I believe that I have seen more hype this offseason than there has been at any time since the Super Bowl year of 1986. It could be that I'm noticing all the articles, sports radio talk, Bears fans talking, etc. because I'm so excited, but I think the entire sports nation can't wait for the season to start.

I get together with a few guys that I used to work with every year around this time, and this year we planned our get together to coincide with the Bears preseason opener. The Bears appear to be ready to make the playoffs but in order to do so the teams new quarterback, Caleb Williams, has to be pretty good this year, even though he will be a rookie.

If Williams is good this season, the Bears will finally have their franchise quarterback, and the team can be playoff bound for many years to come. It sure would be nice to be proud of our football team again. Da Bears.

Has anybody besides me not been aware of the Savannah Bananas baseball team?

I watched about a half hour of one of their games last week, and came away very impressed. The best way to describe them is they are baseball's version of the Harlem Globetrotters.

They catch fly balls while doing backflips, do cartwheels while running the bases, when they draw a base on balls they can run to second base and can't be tagged out until every member of the defense handles the ball.

Umpires dance, fans attempt circus catches. Someone hit a homer and they brought out a ladder which he climbed to receive the crowds accolades. Pitchers catch the ball and sometimes immediately throw the next pitch.

While it's a bit over the top, it's a fast moving, fun, experience. The players are highly skilled and seem to be having a wonderful time. Who knows, this may be the future of baseball.

George Santayana said, "The family is one of nature's masterpieces."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

The true competitors, though, are the ones who always play to win. *— Tom Brady*

La Porte County fair sets record attendance

BY STAN MADDUX

It appears the La Porte County Fair set an all-time attendance record this year.

Brett Kessler, a member of the La Porte County Agricultural Association board that runs the fair, said attendance topped more than 100,000 people for the first time in the history of the fair based on a review of attendance records kept from previous fairs.

The fair ending July 13 ran for eight days.

"All in all, it was a great week," he said.

The record attendance is even more impressive considering how much it's gone up since 2017, when the number of people entering the gates was about 68,000.

Last year, attendance was 91,454.

Kessler credited good weather, except for rain on July 9 when fair attendance was still fairly strong, as the primary reason for the record turn-out.

He said the most heavily attended day was on July 12, when over 14,000 people entered the fairgrounds on Indiana 2 just west of the La Porte city limits.

Kessler also felt new attractions in recent years, like the Curious Kids Tractor Trail, along with a sand shark show and sting ray petting zoo have factored into the rising attendance.

Children ride small battery powered tractors on the trail and fill baskets with various items along the way before returning.

Two sand sharks were in a see through tank resting on the trailer of a semi-truck.

More than a dozen species of sting rays kept in a shallow pool were available for fairgoers to pet at no cost or feed with food provided at a minimum cost.

"Those were all very popular," he said.

Kessler also noted the fair this year included more than 1,100 4-H youth exhibiting over 4,000 entries, including over 1,000 open class entries ranging from dairy cows and rabbits to home and family arts related entries.

An outreach also resulted in more than 700 children with organizations such as the YMCA and local Boys and Girls Club branches coming to the fair.

"Hopefully, some of those kids went home and said mom and dad let's go back to the fair," he said.

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Alex Austin (far right) takes the stage

Nikki Gauthier and Peter Carey interact with the crowd between rounds

Andy Sedow performs "Two Drink Tickets"

Emily Barnes performs "Welfare Warrior"

Sadie Gustafson-Zook named 2024 The Acorn Singer-Songwriter Competition Winner

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Despite living in nearby Goshen, Indiana, Sadie Gustafson-Zook had never ventured to The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts in Three Oaks.

This changed after she saw a Facebook post about The Acorn's annual singer/songwriter competition by friend Andrew Delaney, who was last year's winner, and Abbie Thomas, who competed in 2019 and was a runner-up in 2022.

"I was like 'Well, I wonder if I could come play at The Acorn some time and I think this contest would be a great way to introduce myself,'" Gustafson-Zook said.

The result was being named the winner of the 2024 competition, which took place Friday, July 19.

Gustafson-Zook's songs have been endorsed by some of the most respected songwriting contests from across the country, winning Kerrville Folk Festival's 2022 New Folk Contest (as well as placing as a finalist in 2020), earning second place at the Rocky Mountain Folk Fest's Songwriter Showcase, and winning first place at the NewSong + LEAF Songwriting Contest.

Having performed with her parents in a band at churches and auto part festivals when she was younger, upon returning to the area in 2022, Gustafson-Zook was looking to "scope out" the regional music scene.

Before her performance of "Birdsong," Gustafson-Zook talked about being catcalled while waiting for a bus in Boston.

"I looked around, feeling very defensive, and I looked up - and it was just a bird," she said.

Three of the judges compared Gustafson-Zook to Joni Mitchell, with Jayne Kelli saying that she has the "most beautiful, Joni Mithcell-esque, effortless falsetto" and that her song lyrics are "so smart and witty." Judge AJ Swearingen said that her guitar playing was reminiscent of the early work of Paul Simon.

As a woman, Maggie Kubley said she could appreciate the humorous twist she gave her earlier experience with catcalling in "Birdsong."

"As a woman, I've been there and I know the rage, I know the uncomfortability, I just know that feeling and for you to be like 'It's okay, we can poke fun at it...I just think that's really - what a talent," she said.

Runner-up was Andy Sedow, with Sam Robbins coming in third place.

Sedow, who hails from Nashville, Tennessee, was also named a finalist in the Telluride Troubadour Contest (2024), LEAF Songwriter Contest (2024), Kerrville New Folk Songwriter Competition (2023 & 2021), Falcon Ridge Folk Festival Songwriter Competition (2023), and International Songwriting Competition (2021).

Sedow played his first song on the piano before switching to the carbon fiber, very thin guitar that was called the Sedow. ("I'm not related to the manufacturer, - but it was a sweet way to get an endorsement," he said.)

Sedow's first song, "My Last Game," was an historical fiction story of a MIchigan ball player from the 1920s and 1930s.

"He gave up his gal, everything to make it to the major leagues but he doesn't make it to the major leagues - which is a bummer, but that's just the kind of writer I am," he said.

The judges said Sedow was entertaining, with Kelli thanking him for being "funny."

"Not just funny on stage - that's not easy to pull off - but in your writing too...I super appreciate that and I think everybody does," she said.

A musician from Boston, Massachusetts, Robbins has gained recognition from extensive national touring, as one of the six 2021 winners of the Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk competition and as one of the four Falcon Ridge Festival's "Most Wanted" in 2023.

Before playing his song, "Hard to Hate," Robbins gave the brief story behind it: After playing open mic nights at a bar in small town Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at 15, he got booked at a bar. There, he played covers in a corner for $100, which introduced him to the world of "New Hampshire biker bars."

Sam Robbins

Andy Sedow plays “My Last Game” on the piano

“I was in high school and I made it my life’s goal to play every biker bar that I could,” he said, adding that he hooked up with an agent who only did those bars.

Having also been an up and comer in the bar scene, Swearinen asked if he ended up buying a motorcycle (“Actually, it turned me off from that lifestyle,” Robbins said).

“Great stories, great voice - just fantastic,” he said.

The Acorn Artistic Director Nikki Gauthier said that Robbins was “separated by only one vote from second place.”

“So when we said this was going to be hard we just didn’t know how incredibly hard it really was until I saw the numbers,” she said.

Other finalists included Alex Austin from Wayland, Michigan, who’s the leader of the West Michigan band, Deerfield Run, and released a debut album, “Nobody’s Home,” in February 2024; Hannah Baird from St. Joseph, Michigan, who’s been writing in some capacity (poetry, stories and songs) for the past 10-15 years, and Emily Barnes, a seasoned singer-songwriter who has been touring nationally for the past 10 years.

Judges were Donnie Biggins, a singer/songwriter who’s a member of Chicago’s The Shams Band and owner/operator of Chicago music venue, Robert’s Westside and talent buyer for The Acorn; AJ Swearingen and Jayne Kelli, who achieved critical success with their independently released albums, “The Marrying Kind” and “Cold-Hearted Truth” and Maggie Kubley, who has been making her uniquely midwestern multimedia performance works for the better part of the last two decades.

After the singer/songwriters performed in the first round, the field was narrowed to the top three contestants. After the second round, audience members voted online by scanning a QR code on the program.

Gauthier and Peter Carey, who emceed the show, thanked Art Wible, who has been the benefactor of the program since the beginning and has allowed all six finalists to receive cash prizes.

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Fight to preserve Lakeside Woods positioned to succeed

BY STAN MADDUX

Victory has been claimed, at least for now, in a nearly one year effort to stop new housing from going up at Lakeside Woods.

Developer Curtis McDonald, who owns the 16 acre undeveloped parcel containing wetlands, has tentatively agreed to sell the land to the group, Lakeside Neighbors Against Development.

"We are so grateful to Curtis and his team for sharing our conservation vision," said Barry Friedland, communication and marketing officer for LNAG.

LNAD now has six months to raise $1.3 million for acquiring the property at Lakeside and Warren Woods roads.

"We've received pledges for $300,000, which already puts us at nearly a quarter of our goal," said Tom Gold, president of the LNAD board.

Once the land has been purchased, Friedland said the intent is to donate the land to a local and respected conservation group that preserves green spaces ranging from beaches to farmland in southwest Michigan.

The effort to save Lakeside Woods was in response to plans by McDonald to construct 18 "tiny homes" on the property consisting of 12 acres of wetlands along with thousands of species, including the endangered Indiana bat, LNAD officials said.

Native species at the site include spotted turtles, tree frogs and snakes like the eastern Massasauga.

In addition, Lakeside Woods is a water source for the Great Blue Heron and migrating Sandhill Cranes, said Donna DePaolo, a founding member and vice-president of LNAD.

DePaolo said the site is also home to nesting Indiana bats whose estimated total numbers have dropped by more than 50 percent over the past 10 years.

The mosquito eating Indiana bat is listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

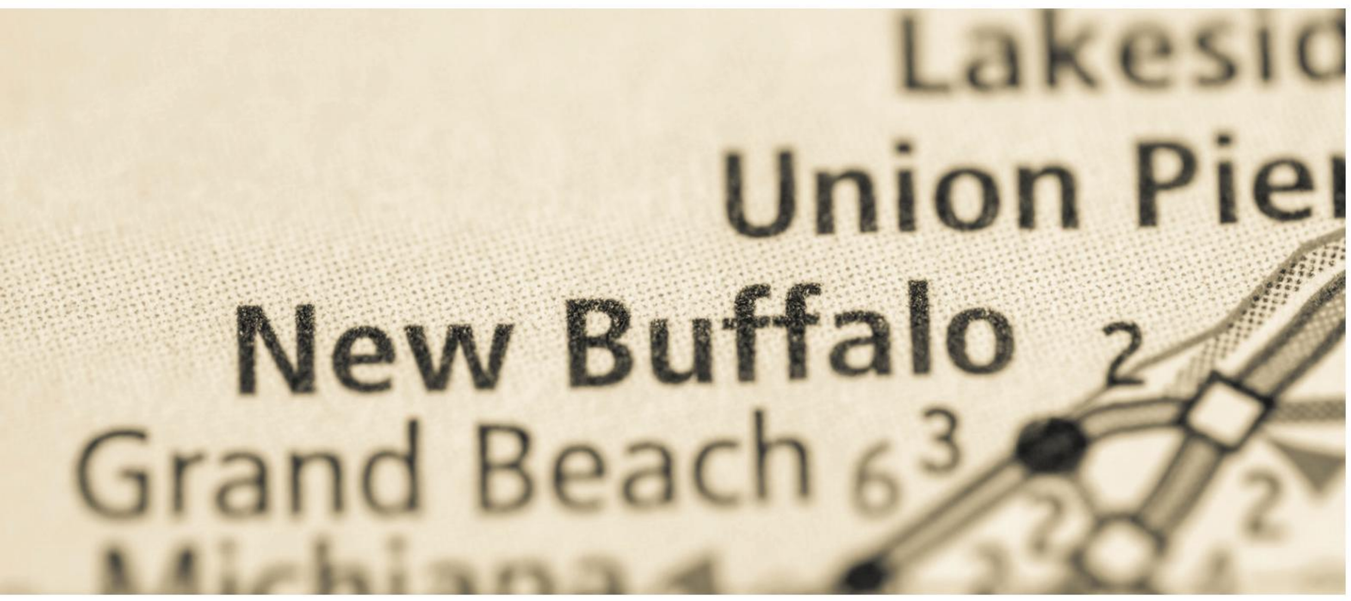
"A 50 percent decline is staggering, making protecting and saving Lakeside Woods, its wetlands and the species that depend on them even more urgent," DePaolo said.

Another reason cited for wanting to preserve the land is eliminating issues with population and density that occur from actions like placing homes on traditionally one home lots.

LNAD officials said such a development at Lakeside Woods would go against the "spirit" of the community and the surrounding rural area.

"It's also a fight against overdevelopment of green spaces," Gold said.

People wanting to donate can do so at www.savelakesidewoods.com.



Michigan City examining outdoor drinking zones

BY STAN MADDUX

Allowing people to leave a bar or restaurant with alcoholic beverages and walk with their drinks to places like Washington Park beach is under consideration in Michigan City.

Supporters feel the proposal would help promote tourism by enhancing the experience for visitors here especially during the summer.

"Ours is a tourist town and people do come to enjoy," said Councilman Dr. Vidya Kora.

Designated outdoor refreshment areas would be established under an ordinance expected to come up for a vote by the Michigan City Common Council on Aug. 6.

One proposed zone runs along the lakefront, but those boundaries are narrow enough to prohibit restaurant customers from walking across the lines to places like nearby Washington Park Zoo with their alcoholic beverages, said Councilman Greg Coulter, who presented the measure at the council meeting on July 16.

Coulter said the other zone on the city's north end would not allow pedestrians to take beverages containing alcohol from a restaurant to Michigan City Public Library, but they could walk with those drinks to places such as Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets mall.

"You have to stay within those boundaries," he said.

One of the select number of participating vendors outlined in the proposal includes Leeds Public House, a gastro pub at 4th and Franklin streets.

Sunset Grill at Washington Park and Harbor Country Adventures, which offers food and drinks on its Lake Michigan cruise ship docked at Trail Creek, along with Bartlett's Fish Camp near the water's edge are referred to as potentially taking part.

Coulter said any restaurant or bar and festivals within the zones, though, would be allowed to take participate.

To insure compliance, Coulter said the clear plastic 12 ounce and 16 ounce containers holding beer, wine or mixed drinks would be marked with a logo.

He said the logo would reveal they came from a participating restaurant, not from a home where a "Solo cup" was filled with an adult beverage purchased elsewhere.

Coulter said the ordinance would be in effect from 12 p.m. to midnight but that could change to reflect the business hours of the establishments.

Kora said he likes the idea but wanted feedback from police on how such a practice can be allowed safely.

Councilwoman Tracie Tillman said she felt the zones were not much different than the restricted areas beer tents and beer festivals operate under already.

There is some concern the measure could result in open partying and other forms of public disruption.

Scott Meland, a local real estate broker, encouraged the city council to support it.

"We're not going to become New Orleans. It took them a while to get their reputation. It's kind of civilized to be able to order a beer and leave the establishment to go on with your festivities," he said.

Coulter said the matter will be further discussed during a workshop session of the council on July 30 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

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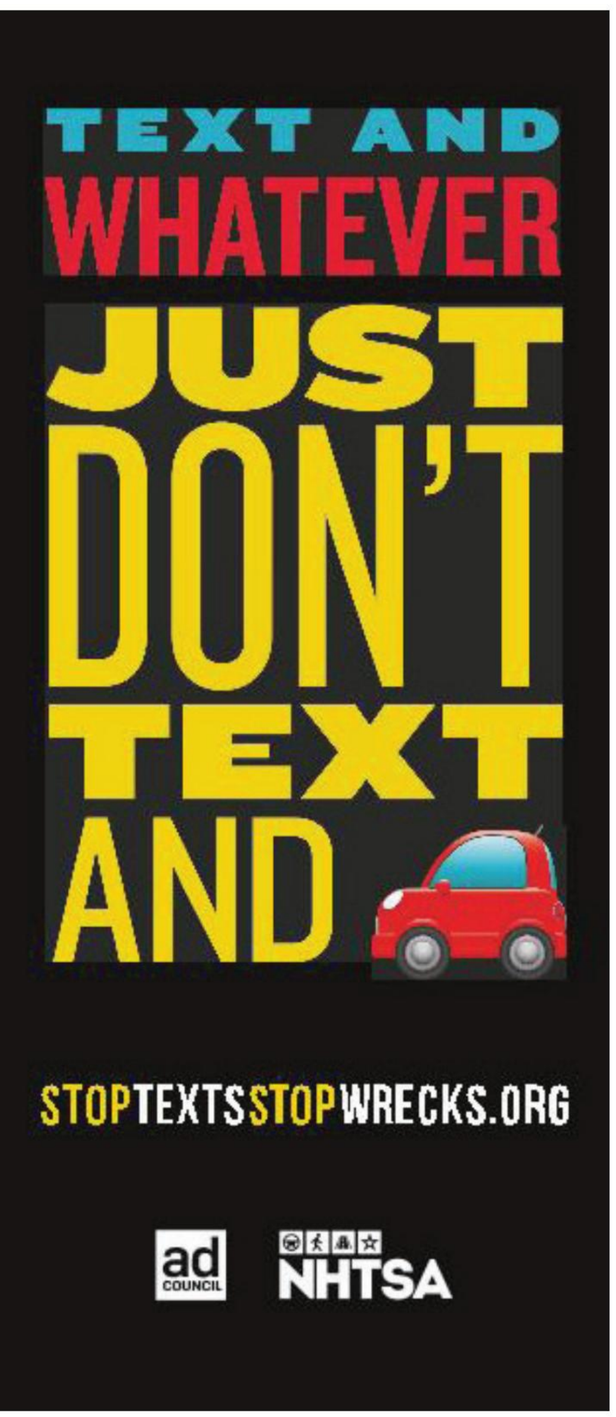

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BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER

If you watch television and see St. Jude's commercials, you know of the little boy with pink glasses.

Like me, I am certain many are totally mesmerized with this little boy, who is often featured in their commercials. He is at the famous St. Jude's Hospital. St. Jude's is a research hospital in search of cures for children's diseases. Founded 25 years ago by Danny Thomas, it is truly a totally benevolent corporation.

If you're a regular with the boob-tube you know the commercials: Marlo Thomas, Danny's daughter, with her husky voice carries on the tradition as her father's spokesperson for the research hospital.

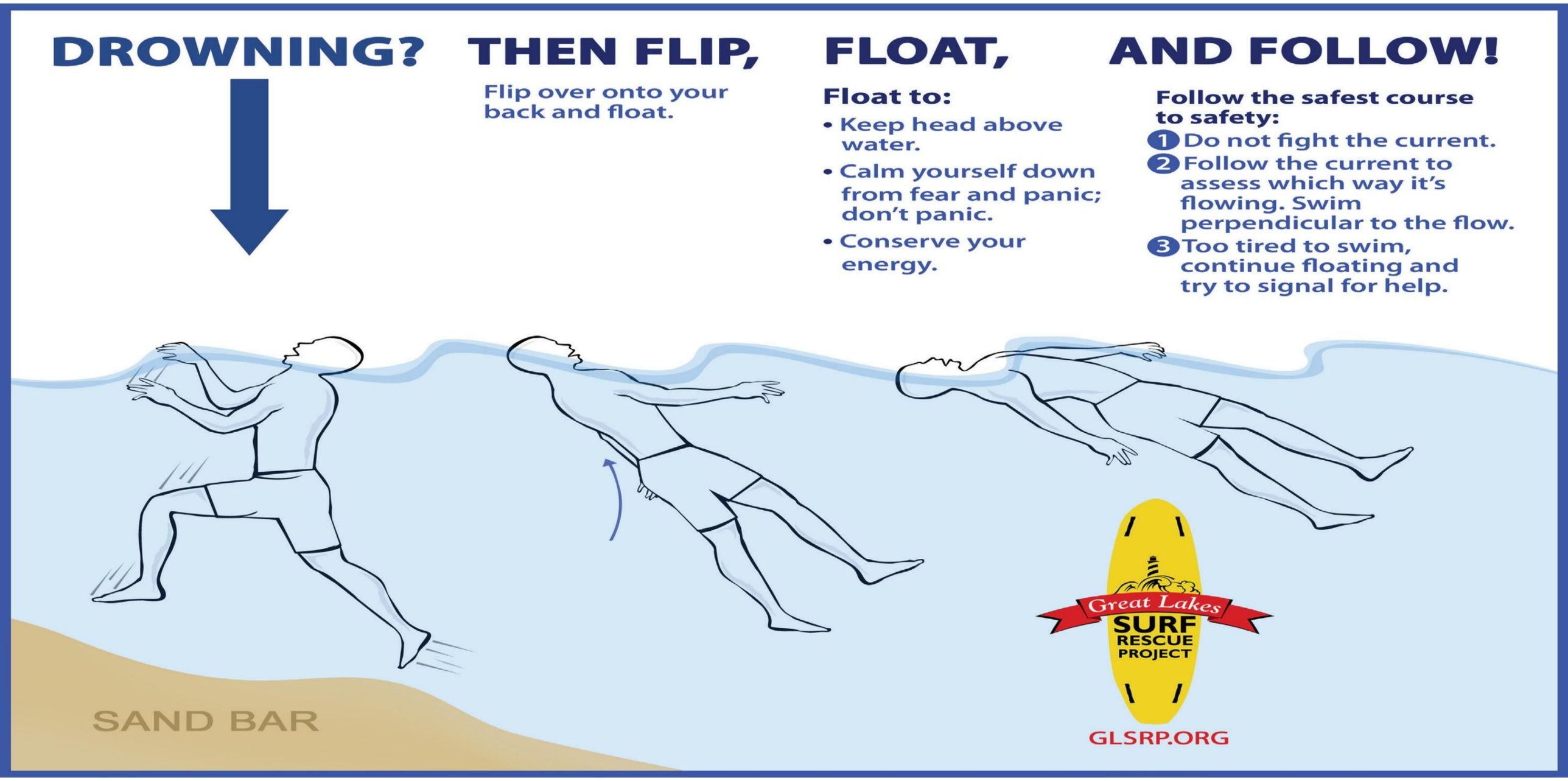
Their services are provided generously. Parents aren't required to pay for any of their children's care or even their own accompanying expenses, like hotels, which is unprecedented. They boast of their increased success rate, which went from being 20% when they began to being 80% today.

Their commercials ask for donations, which they utilize toward services and research for children's cancer and other diseases. Their sensible dialog is that you should concentrate on your child's recovery and not have to worry about the expense of it all. It is truly an amazing charitable organization. They have received every award and every accolade. They use their little patients for their commercials, which seems very effective. Often, they feature one child, who is a brave little soul, in their commercials.

One can become enchanted with that brave little soul.

This young man could not be any cuter in his little pink-framed glasses and his big smile. I stop what I'm doing so as not to miss his appearance in their pleas for donations. I don't know his name, what disease he is fighting or his condition. I can only pray and hope for his recovery and that he should grow up with that smile.

Thank you, Marlo, and the entire team at the St. Jude Research Hospital for doing the amazing work that you do and for making your little patients "stars!" Who could resist?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Take the opportunity to express yourself and ask for the things you want and desire. Negotiate for the tough stuff now. Go after the love and affection you crave. It's time to get excited and pursue things with positive expectations. Be generous and you will receive more than you had hoped for.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

This is the week to make updates and improvements to your home. Don't be afraid to embrace new gadgets and technical advancements. Get rid of old appliances before they cause you trouble. Make the corrections and repairs before they become an emergency; better safe than sorry.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

Use your words and the ability to articulate your needs to succeed this week. Take any opportunities that arise to communicate and interact with authority figures. Pay attention to the way people in power show appreciation to those that have helped them and emulate that.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

Actively let go of situations and thoughts that devalue or limit your abilities. This is the time to engage in activities that validate life, with people that appreciate and love themselves. When you surround yourself with positive people, positive energy grows. Show me your friends, I'll show you the future.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

It's time to shine. We have entered the time of year where your willpower and determination are on point. Get yourself and attitude in order because the tough cuts you make now will prove very beneficial when winter rolls around. It's' your journey, you call the shots.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Put your thoughts in a positive state of expectation and operate from that perspective. Don't let fears and apprehension be your Modis operandi. Operate from the point of abundance and be generous of spirit. Know that the law of reciprocity is always at work. Thank you, Isaac Newton.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

There will be some exciting opportunities to meet people and explore new territory this week. Don't let inhibitions or the fear of going somewhere alone stop you from going to events you find interesting. Know that the energy this week is lively, generous and educational so, embrace the social upgrades.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

This is the week to make improvements and updates to your career and public life. Put more effort into your social media profiles or redo your resume. Let your previous accomplishments be known and touch back with past connections. Old work buddies will have some great leads.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Get out there and enjoy life more. This is not the time to let opportunities to explore, mingle and have fun pass you by. There is time to stay home in the winter. Know that relaxing and having fun can also be a learning experience. Pay attention to the celebrations and get involved.

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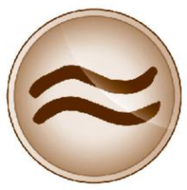
CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

There must be a balance or the cooperation is not co-operative. Let situations and relationships come into balance. If it's your turn to give, give but if you keep giving without receiving, you will soon deplete your own resources. Perhaps, it's time to refrain and pull back?

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



This week it is important you understand that cooperation and partnerships need to be balanced, where both parties share in the health and vitality of the relationship or business. This is the time to have those hard talks and make those tough cuts. Lighten the situation up by letting go.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

The energy coming your way is all about clearing out old and worn-out items. Get rid of broken or damaged items. They just attract old and broken states of being. Surround yourself with new and updated items and watch your life become renewed and updated. Clear the clutter, clear the mind.

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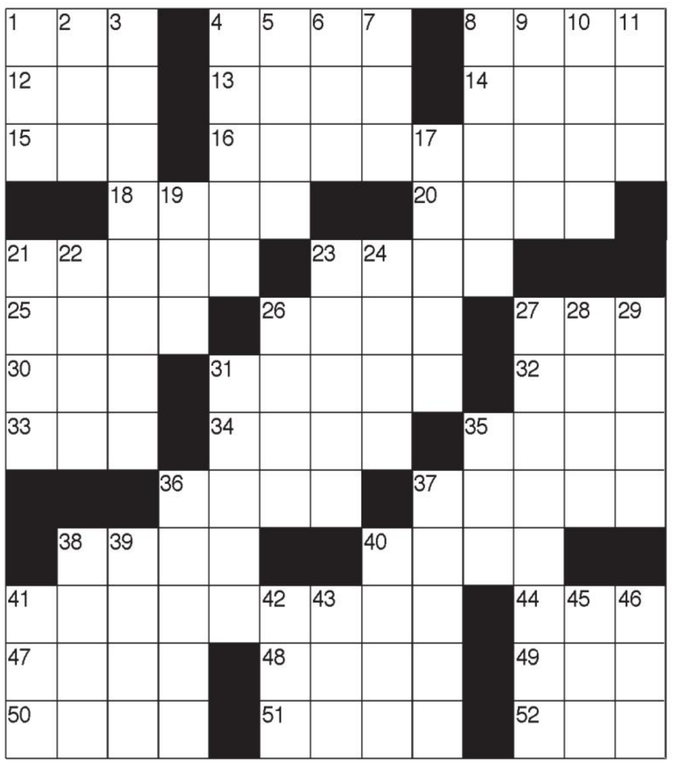

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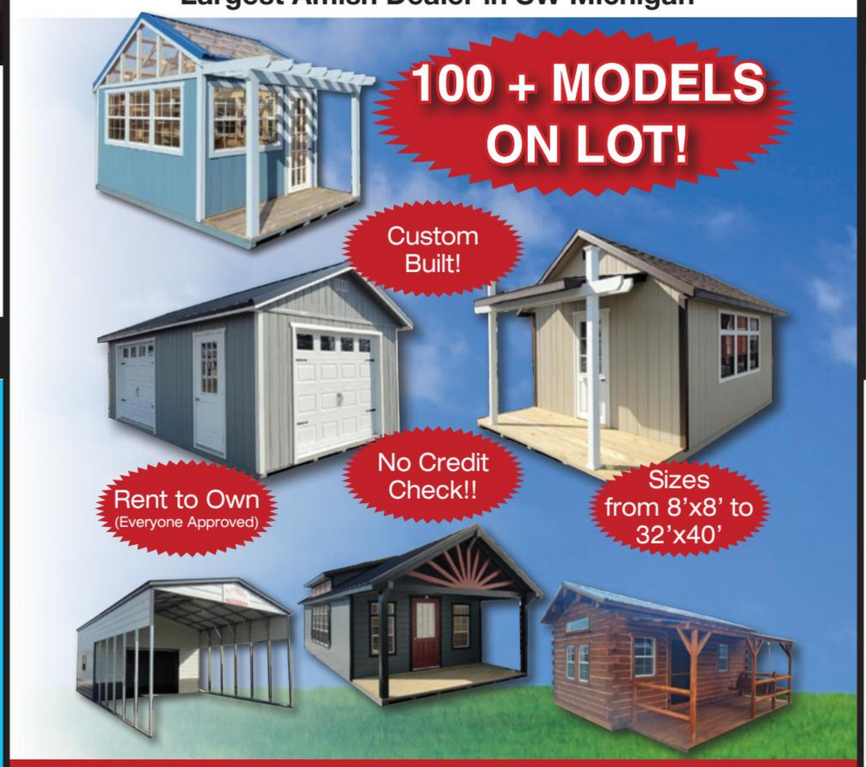

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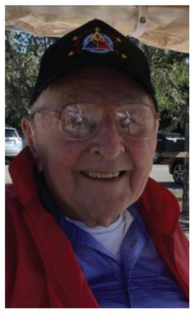

Ernest E. Jelinek
1919-2024

Ernest E. Jelinek, 104, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2024, in his home in Sarasota, Florida.

He was born in Three Oaks, Michigan, on September 1, 1919, to Joseph and Anna (Kulka) Jelinek.

Ernest graduated from Three Oaks High School in 1937. He and his two brothers, John and Edward started Jelinek Brothers Farm and Jelinek Brothers Dairy in New Buffalo.

In 1941, Ernie was drafted into the US Army where he became a Captain and served under General George Patton. As a member of the 5th Armored Division, he landed on Utah Beach on D-Day.

Ernie came home in 1945 and was recalled to service for the Korean War in October 1950 and was discharged in March 1952.

He joined the Bank of Three Oaks and served there as vice president for nineteen years. In 1964, he became co-owner of the PEMCO Die Casting Corporation and retired in 1975.

In 1945, Ernie married his childhood sweetheart Geraldine Sobotka, and they enjoyed sixty-five years of devoted marriage until her death in 2011. They made their home in Lakeside, Michigan until moving to Sarasota, Florida.

Ernie was an avid golfer, served several years as a director and treasurer of the Berrien County Youth Fair, a founding member of the Lakeshore Rotary and was involved in farming operations with his brother Ed until their retirement.

He was proceeded in death by his wife; his parents; his two brothers, John Jelinek, Edward Jelinek; and one nephew John Jelinek.

He is survived by nieces, Nancy Riemann of Wamego, Kansas, Amy (Bob) Grey of South Bend, Indiana; nephews Jim (Teddie) Jelinek of New Buffalo, Ron (Dianne) Jelinek, and Tom (Marilyn) Jelinek of Three Oaks.

Family and friends will gather for a graveside service at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2024, in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Three Oaks.

Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Youth Fair Post Office Box 7, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103.

Inurnment arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

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PET OF THE WEEK

KENJI

Kenji is about 31 pounds, neutered, up-to-date with his vaccinations, and is about three years old or so. He loves to say "hello" to everyone he sees. He is a spry fellow, as he walks around like he weighs hardly anything. He hass got this adorable pep in his step. He appears to be quite the social butterfly. Kenji's manners are perfect. He knows how to sit and he takes treats so nicely. Kenji seems to be so well-balanced; he loves to be interacting but he also loves to go exploring off on his own. His interactions and body language around other shelter pups have been positive. If you have children who are respectful and kind, Kenji could do well.

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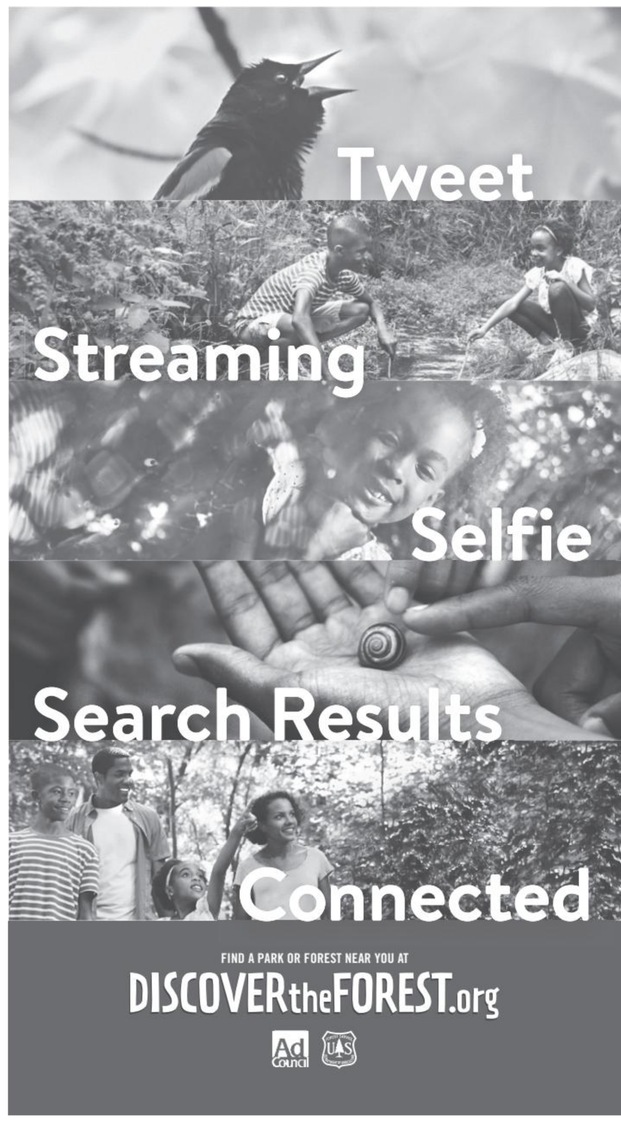

The property on the right has been armored with stones, while the property on the left hasn't and is suffering severe erosion damage

State and local representatives disembark at Dunewood Condominiums after the boat tour

Great Lakes Coalition working with legislators on shoreline preservation plan

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

A Michigan nonprofit organization is enlisting the help of state legislators to create a statewide annual beach nourishment budget.

The Great Lakes Coalition (GLC) sponsored a boat tour with state Rep. Joey Andrews (D-38) and other local officials and representatives like New Buffalo Township Supervisor Michelle Heit and New Buffalo Mayor, John Humphrey, representatives from U.S. Sen. Gary Peters' office and representatives from EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) that allowed them to view the shoreline and the effects of the harbor on sand supply Friday, July 19.

The boat disembarked at the harbor at Dunewood Condominiums in New Buffalo.

"We wanted to show officials some of the conditions on our shoreline and New Buffalo - the erosion that's south of the harbor," Ron Watson, president of GLC, said.

Andrews said that, while there's been a "little bit of bounce back" from the highwater event from a couple years ago, full recovery has not occurred.

"People who've been coming here for a long time remember 20, 40 and 50 feet of beaches and now we're down to 10 and 15 and sometimes none, so it's in rough shape," he said.

Mike Morphey, coastal engineer and vice president of GLC, said that people tend to forget about periods of erosion when water levels are low.

"It seems to be kind of cyclical that we have to deals with erosion and shoreline health and all those things and then we get back to low water and everyone forgets about it....What we're trying to do is get the state of Michigan to create a strategy and fund it, so we can be more resilient during all different water levels," Morphey said.

Andrews, who's been working with the GLC since last May, said that a plan is being worked on to bring to the state to "stop this constant recession of the beaches."

"Beach nourishment and coastal resiliency - those are kind of the two big buckets of how do we address this problem...We've got to bring the beaches back and we also have to make the shoreline more resilient so that we're not constantly losing sand at the rate we are right now," he said.

Having such a plan for shoreline resiliency will put Michigan in line with every other coastal state.

"We're trying to work to draw some federal funding in to match what we can do in the state, we're working with the EGLE budget chair and the appropriations committee on the budget side and then any policy that might have to move alongside it to put the plan into place," he said.

Andrews said that his district encompasses about 100 miles of coastline, from Saugatuck to New Buffalo. Those who live and work in those communities are being affected by issues related to shoreline erosion, Andrews said.

Tourism, Michigan's currently biggest industry, is also being impacted.

"The big part of that is a draw to our beaches so if we don't have beaches, we don't have tourism," Andrews said.

Watson said that the all-volunteer GLC Board is composed of professional coastal engineers and those with a legal background.

They've also engaged the lobbying firm of Kelley Cawthorne.

In March, they gave a presentation of a comprehensive program to a diverse group of stakeholders, department staff, legislators and legislative staff at a workshop.

"So they got a chance to understand why we think beach nourishment is important and, for the most part, they were very agreeable," Watson said.

Watson said that Andrews was able to secure a budget last year of $200,000, which allowed them to "do some work very quickly" in St. Joseph.

As presented at the workshop, after being nourished with sand by dredging the St. Joseph River channel and outer harbor in 2023, an area of Lions Park in St. Joseph now has a large, healthy beach.

Watson said that several communities have received a resolution, which states that the local munincipalities support beach nourishment "all the way from the state line to at least Holland."

The resolutions will be sent together and presented to the state by Andrews.

Andrews said he believes it's been an "oversight" with regards to why there's been no annual budget for beach nourishment in Michigan, which, aside from Alaska, has more shoreline than any other state.

"I think things have got to a critical point now as part of the problem, so there's more people starting to raise their voices saying 'This is getting bad' and our municipalities are saying, 'We lose our beaches, we lose our tourism... It's not just a couple of homeowners maybe having a problem with how close to the water they are, it's becoming an everybody problem," he said.

GLC will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 10, at Haworth Hotel on the campus of Hope College, 225 College Avenue in Holland. Attendance is free for the conference, which will cover issues about beach nourishment, shoreline protection, and legislative and regulatory issues affecting the shoreline.

More information can be found at www.greatlakescolatiion.org.

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